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Wife of Roving Ambassador Is a Rover Too

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PARIS, Nov. 30 (AP).—When William H. Draper, Jr., was appointed the president's roving ambassador in Europe, the new assignment suited his wife just fine.

She's a bit of a rover herself, and this was another chance to stand in the wings and watch current history roll by.

There were other attractions for Mrs. Draper, too. It meant living again in Paris — a city that she knows well because she lived here as a child and during the war. She met her husband here. And it meant a chance to study painting in what she calls "the art capital of the world."

The ambassador is loaded down with titles and work. He is the U.S. representative on the council

of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATTO). He is European head of the Mutual Security Administration (MSA), charged with watching over the spending of American defense funds overseas. He represents the United States at the Organization for European Economics Co-operation (OEEC). In short, he's the top American abroad on economic matters.

Mrs. Draper was born Eunice Barzynski, the daughter of an Army brigadier general, now retire and studying art in Paris. Since birth she has been subjected to the constant moves of Army life.

She was taken to the Philippines when only three months old. As she grew older, there were posts in the United States and hitches in Warsaw, Poland, and Paris.

When it came time for college, she had two years at Wellesley and three years studying painting and the history of art at the Yale School of Fine Arts. Then the war and she joined the WAC, with service including 18 months in France and Germany. Following this she was in Moscow for 11 months as secretary to Ambassador General Walter Bedell Smith. She closed out her Army career as a recruiting officer for the WAC and WAF for the state of Indiana, with headquarters at Indianapolis.

She came to Paris as a WAC captain expecting a job as a signal supply officer. But as often happens in the Army, there was no vacancy in her specialty when she arrived and she was re-assigned to General Eisenhower's SHAEF

headquarters at Versailles.

There she went to work as personal assistant to Brig. Gen. Draper in the economics section of the military government division. That was when she first met her future husband, but she now recalls that "There was no romance for at least a year after we met."

Draper's first wife died in 1942. He has three grown children.

Before their marriage, Draper resigned as undersecretary of the Army and she resigned from the WAC. They were married in Chicago and went off to live in Westchester county, N.Y. That lasted for two years, then Draper was appointed a trustee of the Long Island railroad and they moved to Long Island. In about a year they were packing their bags for Paris.